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FM AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9214

INFO AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMCONSUL BELIZE

C O N F I D E N T I A L GUATEMALA 1408

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PBOR, GT, BH

SUBJECT: FONMIN ARENALES WILL NOT MEET WITH BRITISH REPRESENTATIVE

REF: GUATEMALA 1098

1. DURING CONVERSATION THIS MORNING FONMIN ARENALES TOLD ME HE DID NOT REPEAT NOT INTEND MEET WITH BRITISH REPRESENTATIVE IN WASHINGTON DURING OASGA FOR INFORMAL DISCUSSION BELIZE PROBLEM. ARENALES SAID THAT SINCE COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES HAD CHOSEN TO SPEAK OUT IN FAVOR OF BELIZE DURING PANAMA UNSC, MAKING IT NECESSARY FOR GUATEMALAN OBSERVER TO REPLY, TIME WAS NOT NOW PROPITIOUS FOR SUCH INFORMAL MEETING. ARENALES SAID BRITISH AGREED WITH HIS POSITION AND HE NOW HOPED INFORMAL DISUCSSIONS COULD TAKE PLACE IN JULY.

2. ARENALES SAID GOG CONTINUES TO HOPE BELIZE PROBLEM WILL REMAIN DORMANT DURING PRE- ELECTORAL PERIOD AND THAT GOG WILL NOT BE FORCED TO SPEAK OUT PUBLICLY ON SUBJECT, AS ANY PUBLIC STATEMENTS WOULD HAVE TO BE TOUGH AND INFLEXIBLE. HE IS STILL WORRIED THAT ANY MEETING WITH BRITISH WOULD LEAK AND THAT OPPOSITION HERE WOULD ATTEMPT MAKE POLITICAL CAPITAL OUT OF BELIZE
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QUESTION.

3. CHANGE OF NAME EARLIER THIS MONTH FROM " BRITISH
HONDURAS" TO " BELIZE" CAUSED NO RIPPLES HERE, ALTHOUGH
PRESS ROUTINELY REPORTED IT. ARENALES SAID THAT DURING
PRESS CONFERENCE HE PROMPTED QUESTION ON NAME CHANGE AND
EXPLAINED TO REPORTERS THAT " GUATEMALA COULD HARDLY
COMPLAIN ABOUT THE CHANGE SINCE IT HAD ALWAYS CALLED
THIS PIECE OF ITS TERRITORY BELIZE."
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